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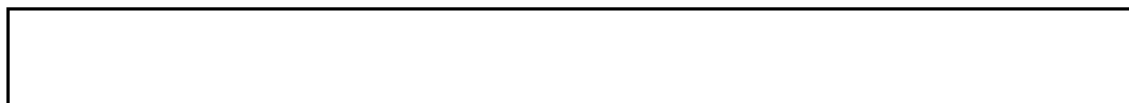
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## STATUS OF MILITARY FORCES NEAR THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER

A search of all portions of the Sino-Soviet/Sino-Mongolian Border that were covered on [ ] was accomplished in accordance with the prescribed procedure of analysing each new mission in an attempt to determine possible changes in the type or level of military activity within 150 nm of the Sino-Soviet/Sino-Mongolian Border (significant items within 300 nm may also be included).

Figure 1 graphically illustrates the portions of the border areas that were covered by photography (cloud cover and other limitations of photographic quality are not depicted).

The following items of interest were noted on [ ]

WAC 201CHOYBALSAN, MONGOLIA

48 04N-114 30E

Construction is continuing at the previously reported site of new building activity that is located on the south edge of the Choybalsan Airfield (See CIA/PIR-67297). All of the buildings that were previously reported appear to be nearing completion. A new [ ] probable water/waste filtration basin is located on the edge of a small stream near the airfield. There is a trench that connects the probable filtration basin to the new buildings. A large new building foundation is under construction on the east edge of the airfield. This new building is being served by the same trench system (utilities) that serves the other new buildings.

WAC 202BEZRECHNAYA ARMY BARRACKS, USSR

50 43N-116 10E

All of the previously reported training areas that are associated with this installation show a medium to high level of activity. The other military facilities show no significant change since previous photography.

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SHIRLOVAYA GORA ARMY BARRACKS, USSR 50 31N-116 23E

A comparative analysis of this installation on photography from previous missions indicates that activity on the training ranges has remained at a medium level. Vehicle and equipment identification is precluded by small scale, low resolution photography.

WAC 244DRUZHBA MILITARY BARRACKS AREA, USSR 45 15N-082 27E

All of the previously reported training areas appear to be active. No significant changes are noted to the buildings and grounds, and there is no indication of rail construction beyond the border into China. An estimated 20 rail cars were noted in the rail yards--an increase from previous photography.

WAC 288PANG-PEI (ERH-LIEN), CHINA 43 42N-111 59E

Construction activity is continuing on the new rail facilities at this installation. A number of rail cars are within the rail yards; however, the small scale of the photography precludes a count of the rolling stock.

WAC 331PROBABLE NEW RAIL CONSTRUCTION, 43 07N-091 15E (approximate)  
TURFAN - HA-MI RAIL LINE, CHINA

Probable new rail construction is noted on the Turfan - Ha-mi railroad. This activity is located approximately midway between Turfan and Ha-mi. Existing facilities consist of more than 100 buildings, a rail turning wye, and a probable rolling stock maintenance and repair facility. The new activity consists of two candelabrum-shaped rail yards under construction, additional building foundations, and extensive track activity throughout the complex. This facility is very similar to the Pang-pei rail facility (See WAC 288 above).

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